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Playoff action

Wildcats have a tough weekend in opening two games of second round

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Curling club looking ahead

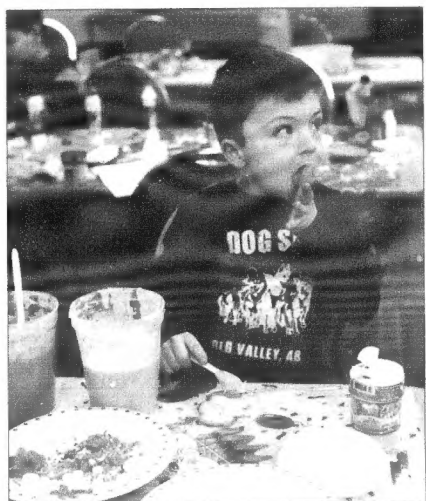
Waiting to get access to the rink to assess damage to equipment

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EDIBLE ART



A sweet tooth is important when it comes to mastering the art of cookie decorating, and there were lots of little pastry Picasso's at the Mackenzie Centre on Feb. 16 and 17 for a Family Fun Day and Trade Show. To see more pictures from the event turn to pg. 15

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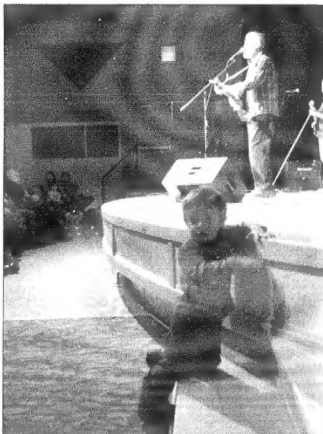
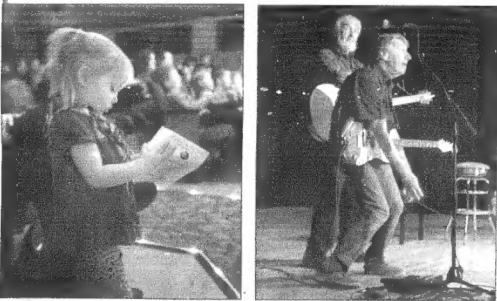
NEWS

Fred Penner dazzles parents and children



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For the parents it was a step back into their own childhood, while for the children it was an exciting show that had them dancing in the aisles, as iconic children's entertainer Fred Penner hit the stage at the Senior Pickup Arts Centre. This was the second time Penner has graced a stage in Drayton Valley and this time around it was a sold out show of young and old who love the man who crawled out of a log and into their hearts in the hit show Fred Penner's Place.



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The Town of Drayton Valley would like to remind its residents to keep their sidewalks clear of ice and snow and avoid shoveling snow onto the roadways.

For more information please contact the Town at 780-514-2200

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For more information contact the Town at 780-514-2200

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• ECDC, Call-in Casual
Information on Town Employment Opportunities can be found in the Classifieds Career Section or on our website www.draytonvalley.ca

John McLaughlin (right) of JMC Consulting Ltd. Presents "Practical Management for Plant Turnarounds" manuals to Phil Chatters (left), Director of Education and Training, CETC Drayton Valley Campus

JMC Consulting Ltd. Donation to
NorQuest College Drayton Valley Campus was presented with three copies of the technical manual "Practical Management for Plant Turnarounds" by Mr. John McLaughlin, P. Eng. R.E.T. P.E. (P) on behalf of JMC Consulting Ltd. The manuals will be made available to students when they receive local training. John McLaughlin has been JTC's training, Maintenance, Shutdowns & Turnarounds, and consulting in the region.

Masterclasses: Shutdowns & Turnarounds
is scheduled for March 28th to 27th, 2014 at the NorQuest College Campus in Drayton Valley.

Inquiries regarding this course should be directed to John at JMC Consulting 780-405-7888 or check out his website at www.jmc.org

This program marks the beginning of a greater emphasis on local industry training. The Town of Drayton Valley in collaboration with NorQuest College is constructing the Clean Energy & Technology Centre (CETC) in Drayton Valley. The new Campus will allow NorQuest College to easily expand their training capabilities in the community by providing space for shops and labs and CETC will work with industry to accommodate their needs.

Once the new campus is ready for occupancy in September 2015, NorQuest College will continue to deliver training from the current campus.

Individuals and companies interested in industry training should contact NorQuest College Drayton Valley Campus at 780-542-5400 to discuss program availability and training support.

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- Experience delivering programs
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- Flexibility in scheduling of hours is necessary

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- Perform other duties as assigned.

Resumes along with a cover letter may be delivered or mailed to: Librarian Drayton Valley Municipal Library 5120 - 52 Street Box 6240 Drayton Valley T7A1R7 or rfau@draytonvalley.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS
Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

DV14-015 4141 40 Street R18-Standard Residential District SPD with Attached Garage & Deck issued with conditions February 7, 2014

DV14-016 4019 & 4017 418 Avenue R2-General Residential District Duplex issued with conditions February 7, 2014

DV14-017 5201-30 Street R18-Standard Residential District As Built Deck issued with conditions February 7, 2014

DV14-018 4060-60 Street C2-General Commercial District Industrial Sign issued with conditions February 12, 2014

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any person claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decisions. Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley
Attention: Jennifer Martin, Development Coordinator
Box 6837 5120-52nd Street Drayton Valley Alberta T7A 1A1
Phone 514-2200 Fax 542-5153
E-mail: adminplan@draytonvalley.ca

PARK VALLEY POOL

2 Weeks of Savings at Park Valley Pool
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Tuesday & Thursday nights 7:30 - 8:15 pm
Drop in fee is \$8.00 Under your 10-punch pass we will include your guest.

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Our next session begins February 24, 2014
Monday Nights
February 24, 2014
March 24, 2014
7:00 - 8:00 pm
\$59.00 for five one-hour classes. We accommodate all levels of swimming from those who are scared stiff of the water to those who want to improve their strokes and fitness level!

Call us at 780-514-2225 to register.

Registration
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\$99.00 for four classes running until March 17, 2014
All your equipment is included. You will learn self rescue, rescue of others, balance, basic padding and safety skills. Get a head start on the summer season and be ready to enjoy the wonderful Blue Rapids Provincial recreation area.

Sign up for the month of February!

Tools swim and Water Walkway
Fridays 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Admission is \$10.00 for all ages!

Upcoming Council Meetings

Regular meeting of TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Council Chambers, Town Office - 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Glenn McLean
780-514-5464

Nicole Nadeau
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Graham Long
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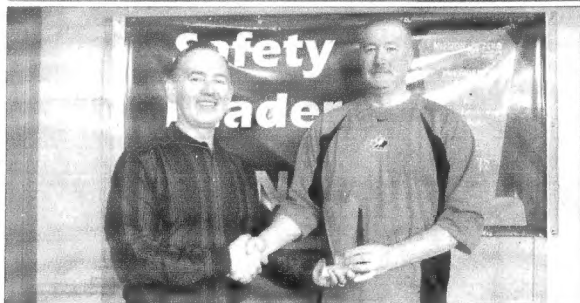
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Early Childhood Development Centre 780 514 2248
Park Valley Pool 780 514 2225
Downtown Library (Civic Centre) 780 514 2228
Library (Holy Trinity Academy) 780 514 2528
MacKenzie Conference Centre 780 514 2233
Omniplex 780 514 2234

NEWS



Local Fortis employee receives safety honour

► Tony Hoople receives first annual President's Award for Safety Leadership Excellence

Lesley Allan
Western Review

When it comes to safety, no one can be cut and no detail ignored, unfortunately pressure can cause some to look the other way but this wasn't the case for local Tony Hoople. That's why Fortis Alberta honoured him with the inaugural President's Award for Safety Leadership Excellence last week.

Hoople's decision to stand up for safety is one that Karl Smith, president and CEO of Fortis Alberta, calls an inspiration and one that perfectly demonstrates the goals and aspirations of what safety means to the utility company.

"What I'd like people to think of Fortis Alberta is that [we're] safety leaders, not just having good safety practices, but a safety leader and role model for others in our industry, a role model for everybody in the province," he says. "There are far too many incidents that take place in this province, far

too many work [place] injuries, far too many workers being killed. We'd just like to be part of the solution and things like with Tony accomplish that."

Describing the incident that resulted in his award, presented on Feb. 18, Hoople explained how a contractor came to the Fortis yard to pick up a trailer, something that is usually simple but became an obvious hazard in the eyes of Hoople on that day.

"When the trailer was hooked to the truck it was very obvious that it wasn't enough truck for the trailer," he shares. "The gentleman was talking to his dispatcher and he was just going to go because he was told to just go. I went over and we were discussing it. I said 'there's just no way, you can't. There's just so many things that can go wrong just from the way it sits right now and you're not even driving down the highway at 100 kilometres an hour.'"

At the time Hoople said there was only one thing going through his mind and that was keeping the truck in the yard and off area roads where it could spell trouble for those who drive them.

"There were so many dangers from the minute he would have left the yard, if he would have hit a bump or something like that and

the trailer grounded out who knows what could have been involved, there could have been other cars involved, it was just going to be a catastrophe," he says. "Even if it was just he himself on the road, he would have really been hurt, the truck and trailer would have done damage to themselves and the road. It just had catastrophe written all over it. But he was just going to go and I couldn't let him."

His decision to take a stand against something he thought to be a danger was likely an inconvenience to the contractor and something that would have caused some tension, but for Hoople that didn't matter, which is why Fortis named him the second quarterly safety leader within the company.

From there the company went on to give him the biggest safety honour of the year and recognition for what he did. "They have some criteria for how they select the safety leader each quarter, but it was unanimous in Tony's situation that they felt that he was a great example of the first annual President's Award for Safety Leadership Excellence," shares Manny Albert, director of safety for Fortis. "One of the main criteria that they used was did he go above and beyond what's normally expected in his position and he did."

He had a difficult situation to deal with, but he took a safety stand and knew it was the right decision to take a stand in safety.

According to Fortis, there was no responsibility on their end in a situation such as the one that Hoople found himself in, but according to him that thought never popped into his mind, which is just another reason as to why Smith believes he is an excellent example for all workers.

"If Tony had just backed off no one would have criticized him for not taking the stand," shares Smith. "It would have been so easy for Tony to do the opposite. It's not a Fortis Alberta employee and it wasn't really going to impact Fortis Alberta, but in Tony's mind he's thinking of the public good and that's the way we want all of our employees to think because all our assets are very dangerous."

Although Hoople doesn't think much of what he did, he is honoured by the recognition that the company is giving him.

"It was very overwhelming," says Hoople. "This has gotten a lot of attention and it's very overwhelming, I can't believe that all of this is happening just because of that one incident."

"I'm not a spotlight kind of guy, but I'm kind of getting into it now," he adds.

On Feb. 13 Tony Hoople (right) received the President's Award for Safety Leadership Excellence from Fortis Alberta President and CEO Karl Smith. The award was given to Hoople due to his refusal to allow a contractor to leave the Drayton Valley Fortis yard when the truck he was driving could not safely handle the trailer he came to pick up.

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Life Support Society of Drayton Valley and District

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the All Saints Anglican Church
February 24, 2014 at 2:00pm
Clients, Interested persons, Past members... Everyone Welcome!
A special thanks to all who have made donations.

U18 GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE

Starting Wednesday February 19, 2014 7-9pm
at HW Pick-Up Jr. High School
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Horse Sales: 11am Every Wed, Sat & Sun
Horse Sales: 11am, Sat & Sun every month

SEKURA LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT
Feb 18, 2014

Week Ending	Head Total	Feeder Cattle	Yearlings
900's	\$135 - \$166	\$130 - \$147	\$130 - \$147
800-999	\$155 - \$175	\$145 - \$165	\$145 - \$165
700-799	\$175 - \$183	\$165 - \$185	\$165 - \$185
600-699	\$190 - \$197	\$180 - \$191	\$180 - \$191
500-599	\$180 - \$210	\$170 - \$191	\$170 - \$191
400-499	\$185 - \$220	\$185 - \$200	\$185 - \$200
300-399	\$185 - \$220	\$170 - \$195	\$170 - \$195

Other Cattle
Butcher Cows \$80 - \$95
Young Cows \$80 - \$100
Butcher Bulls \$80 - \$100
Feeder Bulls \$80 - \$100
Cow/Calf Pairs \$1350 - \$1700
Bred Cows & Heifers \$1350 - \$1700

SALE DAYS
Tuesday, February 18th 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 19th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Free Beef on a Bun & Chili
All cash donations from lunch will go to minor hockey.

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Opinion

Frank dialogue the biggest benefit of town hall meetings

Crowd to 60 people, a mix of parents, teachers and administrators, crowded into the Rocky Mountain House last Tuesday night to talk about education. After a presentation from the Alberta School Councils Association, the crowd was divided into the Education Planning Committee and the Education Planning Committee. The Education Planning Committee was the focus of the evening — talking about the school division and how it's working for students. A similar meeting was held the previous week in the Wild Rose Public Schools Board of Trustees and administration a full picture of how education is viewed in the division and how it can move forward in the best way for students.

The initial presentation about Inspiring Education, which wants to focus on creating "Three E's": engaged citizens, engaged thinkers, ethical citizens and entrepreneurial spirit, was important for those present to get an understanding of how education may be shifting in the future. That information is important for parents to have as they give feedback to the school division about what's working and what needs work.

The biggest benefit of the meeting

was the chance for open and frank discussion between parents, teachers and administrators about challenges, as well as making note of the positive directions and learning methods that are being utilized and how local education can continue to improve. Although groups had three questions they were asked to record answers to — which will be compiled online and then re-distributed — the questions were broad enough to allow for a myriad of topics and conversations. Drilling around the more it's clear that no two discussions were exactly the same. People were sharing ideas, brainstorming solutions, looking ahead to the new possibilities in education and also sharing some of their concerns and frustrations.

That dialogue is important to keep parents, teachers, administrators and the community as a whole engaged. It's important to take the time to make note of all the positive things that are happening, while at the same time there are things that could be done better. That kind of discussion, involving people who see education from different perspectives, fosters better understanding between the parties and will hopefully lead to even more innovative ideas when it comes to engaging local students in learning.



The game is on

A side from occasionally visualizing landing a particularly blow to the face of someone who is being especially trying in my patience, I would not consider myself a particularly violent or blood-thirsty person. During my day-to-day activities I don't generally wish harm to anyone, mostly because I don't need the bad karma that accompanies it.

However, I have discovered the exception to that general principle and it comes on a seemingly innocuous package. I have come to the realization that nothing has the power to trigger a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde-type transformation more than a board game. They look so innocent and unassuming in their brightly coloured boxes, with promises they'll provide "hours of fun."

In truth, what most of them do is turn friends against each other.

Just minutes before you may have been sharing a joke or a confidence and now all you



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

can think is how much you want to annihilate your former friend, often telling them gleefully how much you're going to enjoy "reducing them in a quivering, fearful mess."

At just such a fun evening last weekend I found myself turning on those I would usually support whole-heartedly. From accusing them of cheating to crowing when a turn didn't go their way and feeling ultimate satisfaction when they lost. It hardly mattered that my team had already been defeated — board game mania doesn't stop to consider foolish things like logic.

Neither is people's vitriol limited to those on the opposing team. Traumas are just as likely to turn on each other. At a certain point in the game I was instructed by a teammate to visualize a number higher than five. When my visualization failed to produce the desired results in her mind the person who just five minutes prior had been hugging me over a successful turn was now berating me horribly. The next time, when her visualization failed to produce the desired number on my roll I berated her just as scathingly.

Of course, once the game is over and the board packed up all negative thoughts are forgotten, but in those moments in the intensity of the game there's nothing I want more than to slay all opponents, climb over the remnants of their pride and our friendship and plant the flag of victory right between their eyes, laughing with gleeful zeal the whole time.

I can't wait until next time when we can do it all again!

Opinion

I am woman, hear me roar



Lesley's Lessons
Lesley Allan

I am a feminist. That's right I am and it is not a bad thing, in fact it's a wonderful thing that I wish more people, men included, would stand up and say.

The simple concept of feminism is said to be equality. While a more complex, yet also simplified way to describe feminism is a collection of movements and ideologies aimed at defining, establishing, and defending equal political, economic, and social rights for women.

In my eyes the goal of feminism is simply an attempt to create a world where there is equal opportunities for all humans regardless of gender and where success and payout is based solely on performance, ability and skill.

As long as there have been strong women in the world there has been feminism, even before the term existed. However, it wasn't until the fight to vote that people here in North America really started to back the concept of gender equality.

I understand that with the concept of feminism comes negative stereotypes of man hating, bra burning, and maybe some bushy armpit hair, but the truth is any real feminist does not hold either gender above the other. After all how can you create equality while belittling a gender that we cannot exist without.

I also find that some women who consider themselves feminists look down on other women, especially those who dress sexy, wear makeup, enjoy doing themselves up, or even those who choose to be a stay at home mom. To me those judgemental women are not feminists.

Feminism is about empowering women and giving them the strength to be who they are as individuals and not to allow

social standards, mindsets, and the expectations of others dictate what they do with their lives. Feminism is giving women the strength to build a world around them that makes them happy and healthy, while giving them the freedom to grow as women.

Feminism is about creating a world that nurtures ALL people to become whole without being defined by their gender.

I myself love to get dolled up from time-to-time and go out dancing. I enjoy clothes that make me feel sexy, but I also love jeans and t-shirts, comfy pants, and hoodies that are clearly too big for me.

The things I do in life I do because they make me happy... well, not everything. I hate to clean but it's something that has to be done, especially as I hate clutter and mess even more. But things such as this are done equally in our household as I refuse to be a maid while already working full time, and the nice thing is I have a partner who understands and supports this ideal.

There are things I do in my day-to-day life that may fit in with the patriarchal ideal of a woman's role, such as cooking dinner and doing laundry, but I only do them because I want to. One I love to cook and I'm pretty good at it. I love to find new flavours that nourish the body while satisfying my taste buds. As for laundry,

it's not necessarily that I love to do it, but my O.D. can't handle the way then "folds" clothes and towels, so I much prefer to do it myself.

I consider myself very lucky to be in a relationship with a man who is supportive of my independent and strong spirit and who is a feminist, even if he doesn't know it.

More than ever in our history we have men coming forward and declaring themselves feminists, and I consider this to be a very important part of the cause. Feminism is about equality across the board and that is not achievable until all aspects or a majority of society is ready to embrace it.

The way I see it more men should be feminists. Any man who is in a relationship with a woman, has a mother, sister, aunt or female friend that they care about, should be a feminist.

Feminism is about creating a strong world where equality can do nothing but improve the way in which society works. Strong, liberated and supported women can do nothing but bring new ideas to the table and can help to rebuild society so all can be prosperous.

My idea with feminism is to create a world where that term is no longer needed. To create a society where we look at each other and we don't see gender, race, religion, or culture, but a human with vast emotions, strengths and gifts to give to the world as long as they are properly nurtured.

Feminism is a hot topic for many and can often step on the toes of some, but it shouldn't. Equality does not take away from anyone, it simply gives to those who work for their dreams and set goals in life and live for them. Feminism is a fight for all people, not just women.

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FEBRUARY 2014

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Date: March 19, 2014 from 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Location: Campus Alberta - Drayton Valley

(formerly Pembina Educational Consortium)

Cost: \$40.00 per participant.

ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills)

Date: March 20 & 21, 2014 from 8:30am - 4:30pm

Location: Campus Alberta - Drayton Valley

(formerly Pembina Educational Consortium)

Cost: \$100.00 per participant

* Lunch will be provided for the 2 day ASIST workshop but NOT for the Tune-up.
Please register by February 25, 2014

TO REGISTER or if you have any questions, please call Tammy at 780-621-2363 or email pccs@incenre.net

Carrying on through difficult times Around the water cooler...

Yesterday was a difficult day, everything that could go wrong seemed to go wrong and the day seemed very dark and not just because of the lack of sunshine. Have you ever had those days when you feel that the world is coming on top of you and everything is against you?

For a man, being faced with problems that you are not able to solve can rock you to your core. Men are problem solvers at heart. Give us a problem and we will be quite long enough to hear the challenge and then let us go and we will put our solving hat on. This is good until you become bombarded with problems that seem unsolvable or appear at a crossroads but see no way ahead. These are such occasions that draw on your inner mental strength.

All too often we see positive mental health as being simply the absence of mental illness, but this is not the case. This is similar to saying being physically healthy is just the absence of a physical illness. We all know that to be physically fit we need to work hard and participate in activities such as swimming, going to the gym or being active outdoors. Being mentally well is the same way, we need to have personal strategies, skills and practices that help enable us to cope when facing difficulties.

Some people practice being positive, looking on the bright side of life or trying to see that every cloud has a silver lining. Those things are good strategies but when you are sitting alone on a dark day it is hard to see the brightness peering through the edge of the cloud.

If you are anything like me when I am having a challenging day and facing problems that have no solution, I naturally want to isolate myself and not open up to others. However, it is on such occasions that we need to reach out to those around us and keep calm and carry on.

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Mental Health matters

Life is full of problems, but life is also full of people who care. No matter how perplexing the problem you are facing, don't let it stop you being around those who care about you.

Yesterday after I arrived home, I smiled, hugged my kids and later in the evening I went to the fire hall for training as usual on Wednesdays. During my time at the fire hall several small things happened that made a huge difference. Firstly several firefighters who knew I had a bad day came over and gave me a huge guy hug and later in the evening a firefighter friend came over and asked me how I was holding up.

Knowing I had people around me that care and care enough to show it makes a big difference and helped me to smile. I contemplated staying home and moping around, but instead I focused on carrying on and letting my unvoiced problems hold me back. My problems have not disappeared nor have I developed some super human power to solve them all. But what I am developing is determination and the internal mental stamina to persevere. By continuing to stay connected to friends and those who care it helped me to stay calm and carry on.

Cheryl Leves is the project co-ordinator with Aim for Success. Visit them online at www.aimforsuccess.ca
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We hope everyone was able to enjoy some fun times with family and friends this past long weekend and that it has rejuvenated you enough to sustain you until the next long weekend.

Well, judging by the amount of calls and e-mails we got last week, no one in the area is celebrating a birthday this week. If you are celebrating a birthday be sure to give your friends and relatives a hard time for not submitting your name to the water cooler so we could extend our happy wishes!

And now on to other things. We have heard that Drayton

Valley will once again be playing host to the RCMP Musical Ride! It looks like the iconic show will be coming to our area in support of the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation this summer. We hope to have some more details for you in next week's edition.

Be sure to turn to our community events calendar on pg. 51 to see some of the upcoming events in our area. If you're a not-for-profit organization with something coming up, be sure to let us know so we can include it for you.

Our friends over at Cause for Critters got in touch with us last

week to let us know we made a bit of a boo boo when mentioning their upcoming comedy night. The date for the annual fundraiser is Saturday, Mar. 22. Tickets are available now for this fun night and can be purchased at the Cause for Critters shelter and other locations around town for \$20. For more info give them a call at 780-598-7297.

Well, looks like that's all we've got room for this week. If you have any water cooler items e-mail courtney.whalen@sunmedia.ca or give us a call at 780-542-5380 ext. 24. Have a superb short week!

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SOMETHING STINKS

The Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services were called to an odour complaint in the yard of a business on 50 St. on Feb. 6. The complaint was called in by the strong smell of crude oil at the south end of Drayton Valley.

When fire services arrived at the location they found two tractor-trailers with sealed units that had earlier in the day been transporting oil products. While the units were sealed the hatches on the trucks had been opened and were venting.

The Alberta Energy Regulator was called to investigate further. That complaint was one of six calls the fire services were dispatched to, with the majority of those being false alarm or unfounded calls.

On Feb. 7 firefighters were

dispatched to a residential fire alarm, but were cancelled when it turned out the alarm had been set off by cooking.

That same day fire services were called to the Drayton Valley Hospital for a fire alarm. When they arrived it turned out the fire alarm had been pulled by a resident in the continuing care unit.

On Feb. 8 an alarm was set off at a local business. The alarm, which turned out to be false, was set off by steam.

Feb. 10 the fire services were dispatched to a local residence on a complaint of a water problem.

The final call was another alarm, this time at a local hotel. Fire crews were cancelled before they attended after learning it was a false alarm.

WINTER DRIVING
We've still got a bit of winter ahead of us and that means driving in snowy and icy conditions. It's never too late

in the season to make sure you have everything you need in case of an emergency or if you get stranded.

Motorists are advised to have an emergency kit in their vehicle at all times that includes some basic items such as:

- A first aid kit
- jumper cables
- A tow rope
- A basic tool kit
- A flashlight
- Winter gloves
- A blanket
- Additionally, it's a good idea to expand your kit to include items like:

- Duct tape
- Tire chains or a tire sock
- Hand and foot warmers
- Bottles of water and food such as granola bars
- A phone charger
- LED flashers or flares
- A collapsible shovel
- Extra windshield washer fluid or de-icer

If you get stuck there are a few ways motorists can attempt to

get themselves moving again, provided it is safe to get out of the vehicle and do so.

If your vehicle is still running one of the first things motorists should do is make sure there is no snow blocking the tail pipe. Any blockage should be cleared immediately to ensure there are no harmful gases or fumes building up inside the vehicle. After that has been taken care of you can dig out excess snow from the path of the vehicle. If you have any traction aids like a snow sock or tire chains attach them before attempting to pull out.

For those who don't have a four-wheel drive vehicle riding the brakes (alternating between braking and accelerating) can help to gain traction or motorists can try putting the car in a low gear and alternating between moving forward and reversing to attempt to rock the vehicle out.

If you have salt, sand or cat litter you can try putting that down in front of the path of the vehicle

to help melting the ice and get traction. Putting windshield washer fluid or de-icer down on icy patches can help with melting the ice. However, motorists shouldn't use that method in areas where there are likely to be pets as they are attracted to the sweet tasting fluid and it can be very harmful to them.

When back behind the wheel to make the attempt to get out be sure to straighten the wheels as much as possible and be aware of other potential obstacles such as signs, or traffic, if you are attempting to pull out onto a road. Remember to accelerate slowly.

The top consideration if you've been in a collision or gotten your vehicle stuck is safety. Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services remind drivers that if you are in an situation where you have to call for help it is better to stay in your vehicle unless there is a fire or other immediate threat if you remain inside.

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MAN SPENT YEAR LIVING IN STOLEN TRAILER

A man was given credit for time spent in custody after pleading guilty to possession of stolen property valued at more than \$5,000.

On Sept. 19, 2013 members of the Drayton Valley RCMP attended at a trailer where David Lingard was living. While examining the fifth wheel trailer it was noted that some of the identifying markers appeared to have been altered. Further investigation revealed the trailer had been stolen from the Evansburg area in 2011 and was valued at more than \$20,000.

Last week Lingard's attorney said his client had purchased the trailer, which he'd been living in for close to a year, but should have realized the trailer was stolen because of the good deal he got and the obvious damage to the identifying markers.

TIME SERVED FOR BREACHES
A man who saw the

Crown call no evidence for a number of charges he was facing, pleaded guilty to breaching court order.

Colton Strachan pleaded guilty to failing to report to probation after being ordered to do so by the court as well as a second charge for breaching a court-ordered curfew.

Police in Slave Lake charged the 21-year-old for breaking curfew after he was in a vehicle that was stopped around midnight. It was then discovered he was under a curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Strachan had been in custody for 56 days ahead of pleading guilty last week. He was sentenced to 90 days in custody with credit for time already served.

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POLICE INVESTIGATING STABBING

An altercation at the local nightclub resulted in a man being taken to hospital after being stabbed.

Police were called and Drayton Valley RCMP (pl. Marco Leno) said it appears the incident happened between members of two motorcycle clubs in the area and resulted in the person being injured. There was no information on the extent of the injury.

The investigation is continuing, but with little help from those involved or witnesses.

"So far all parties are uncooperative," said Leno.

GASSED UP AND READY TO GO

A thief took advantage of a freshly gassed up pickup truck on the afternoons of Feb. 6, when it was stolen from a local gas station.

The truck was left unlocked and running with the keys in the ignition while the owner went to pay.

Capt. Marco Leno said that continued efforts of Drayton Valley RCMP with help from Oriskany meant police were able to locate the vehicle with the

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alleged thief still inside. That person is now facing charges related to the theft.

LOCKED OFF TO ACCESS YARD
Sometime overnight of Feb. 6/7 an enclosed trailer was stolen from the locked yard of a local company.

The 14 ft. trailer contained approximately \$2,000 worth of scrap metal.

The locks of the gated compound where the trailer was stored were cut to gain access to the yard.

DRIVER UNKNOWN TO BE FOUND
After receiving a complaint of a possible impaired driver last week Drayton Valley RCMP members were able to locate the vehicle described by the caller but it had been abandoned as no driver or occupants were found.SUSPICIOUS PERSON REPORTED
A man was arrested on outstanding arrest warrants last week after a call to police about a suspicious man.

The caller reported seeing a man looking in vehicles with a flashlight. When RCMP arrived they discovered the person in question was wanted on warrants.

The man was subsequently arrested in relation to these.

THEFT CLEANS OUT
LAUNDRY ROOM
A thief gained about \$20 after breaking into a laundry room and emptying

machines at a local apartment building last week.

TRUCK STOLEN FROM
LOCAL HOTEL
On Feb. 10 Drayton Valley RCMP received a report that a white Ford F350 had been stolen from the parking lot of a local hotel. As of last week the vehicle had not been recovered.

That same day a would-be thief was taken to court on charges of attempted theft of a vehicle. The owner who had been the victim of vehicle theft before, had a number of deterrents in place including vehicle immobilizers and having the vehicle chained.

The following day, on Feb. 11, police received a report of a vehicle break in in the area of 30 St. and 51 Ave. Nothing was reported missing in that break in.

RESERVED 1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES
Police are reminding residents they should only be dialling 9-1-1 if there is a police, fire, or medical emergency. That reminder comes after a 9-1-1 call came in last week from someone concerned about the ramifications of their water not running. For those on municipal services concerns or emergencies involving water should be directed to the Town of Drayton Valley at 780-514-2200.

Cables reported stolen

CRIME STOPPERS

Sometime between Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, electric wire was stolen from a lease site located west of Alder Lake. Approximately 25 to 30 feet of ground cables was reported stolen resulting in repair costs estimated between one and two thousand dollars.

On Jan. 3, Brenton RCMP received a complaint of a theft of a horse trailer near Carnwood. The trailer was towed off the property by unknown individuals and is described as a Sundowner Horse Trailer, model Trailblazer 2, white in colour with a silver plated front. The trailer has not been recovered.

Sometime over night on Jan. 31 a skid steer was stolen from a property located off the Maywood Rd. south of Buck Lake. The skid steer is a 2008 John Deere, Model 332, truck drive, yellow and black in colour. A Grapple attachment for the skid steer was also stolen at that time.

If you know who is responsible for any of these crimes, please contact your local RCMP detachment or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (222-8777), or online at TipOrb.com. If your tip leads to an arrest, you may qualify for a reward. Tips provided by telephone, or the Internet, are anonymous and secure.

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Inspiring through strength

PCCS to welcome Amanda Lindhout as speaker on International Women's Day

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It's not always easy to forgive, but in life it's important to move on from the things that have hurt you and to find strength in yourself.

This is the message Pembina Crisis Connection Society hopes to get across as they proudly present an inspiring evening with two strong women, Amanda and Lorinda Lindhout.

"I think as a society in general we like to hold on to things," says Tammy Thirk, office co-ordinator for PCCS. "It's realizing that yes bad things happen but out of everything bad something good comes and sometimes it changes our course in life."

"Even though (bad) things will happen, if you dwell on them they will consume you, it will eat you, and eventually you have to learn to let it go and to forgive," she adds.

Taking place on International Women's Day, Thirk believes that the story Amanda Lindhout has to share is one filled with enlightenment, courage, strength and humility.

A life story very few in the Western world will ever experience, her story of abduction, torture and rape, has spawned a desire to help others rather than fall defeated, making her the perfect person to speak of the strength of women.

"They're strong women and on International Women's Day I think that's encouraging for all women to hear that it's about strong women," says Thirk of Lindhout and her mother.

"Women who have overcome obstacles, traumas and have come out better people."

According to Thirk what is also important to look at is the strength shown by Lorinda Lindhout. Amanda's mother who put her feelings of despair aside, finding the focus and drive

"I had a woman calling me saying that she wanted tickets for her niece who's 14," she shares. "She said 'I just want my niece to hear a powerful woman. I was just like you.'"

Recommended for everyone 13 and older, Lindhout will speak of her journey as a Canadian humanitarian and journalist, which ultimately resulted in her 2008 abduction by Islamist insurgents in southern Somalia.

Held captive for 15 months, since her release in 2009 she has been using her experience to not only educate the world, but help those in need through the Global Enrichment Foundation, which she started to help provide women and girls with the opportunity to empower themselves through education, training and economic capacity building.

"One of the things we looked at I guess is her adversity," shares Thirk as to why PCCS wanted Lindhout to speak during its engagement. "Yes, this happened but what she did with her life from there is what's amazing. Instead of dwelling on what happened she's changed, she's set up a non-profit group, where all her speaking engagement money goes, for women and children in Somalia. She gives a strong message of forgiveness, that's the biggest thing."

For all that to happen and then you go back to set up a nonprofit organization to better the women and children of a country [where she was abducted], that shows incredible courage," she continues. "My 13-year-old daughter was reading the press package [for Lindhout] and she was like 'how does someone ever forgive that?' and that's coming from a 13-year-old."

I said "I don't know how but she found it in her to do that."

According to Thirk what is also important to look at is the strength shown by Lorinda Lindhout. Amanda's mother who put her feelings of despair aside, finding the focus and drive

Photo Submitted
On Mar. 9 Amanda Lindhout will visit Drayton Valley as part of an event celebrating International Women's Day, hosted by PCCS.

needed to free her daughter when everyone else had given up.

"Lorinda and Amanda are two incredibly strong women, number one, what Amanda went through, and her mother what she went through having her daughter kidnapped and not knowing day-to-day if she was ever going to see her again or speak to her again," she states. "I think that shows their courage, their tenacity and I think that's a strong message for anyone to know."

Taking place at the Blesser Pickup Arts Centre on Mar. 8, tickets for the event are available for \$40 each at Value Drug Mart, Rexall Drug Store, or through PCCS.

For more information on the event call Thirk at (780) 621-2363 or e-mail pccs@ccsociety.net.

To learn more about Amanda Lindhout and her experience visit www.amandalindhout.com, or check out her memoir A House in the Sky.

"I'm really just kind of wrapping my head around this thing," says Thirk. "We are truly blessed to have her."

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Drayton Valley to come alive with Sound of Music

River Valley Players and Breton dance teacher set to bring Sound of Music to local stage

Lesley Allan
Western Review

The hills are alive with the sound of music... or should that be stage, as River Valley Players (RVP) prepare to present The Sound of Music here in Drayton Valley.

Considered a collaborative effort by RVP board secretary Allie Spicer-Riess, the musical theatre production will bring together artists from two communities as Breton based dance teacher Joanne Nelson, comes on board as producer and choreographer.

"River Valley Players wanted to do a musical for a long time, but we don't have anyone with musical expertise in our group, or dance and choreography," explains Spicer-Riess of Nelson's involvement. "We have lots of people who sing really well and we have lots of people that can act, do technical and a lot of other skills, we just don't have anybody with that sort of background."

"We're really excited about this being a Breton/Drayton Valley show," she adds. Nelson, who has been dancing all her life, has had extensive experience when it comes to musicals and has even had the opportunity to perform the Sound of Music while she lived across the pond.

"When I was 12 in England I started in the Sound of Music, that was my very first musical that I ever did [and from there] I did two [musicals] a year until I turned 26," she explains. "So I've done many musicals, but I was in them so I didn't actually produce them. Then I did some work in Spain and then I came to Canada and since I've been here I've been just doing musical theatre with my own dance group in Breton. So I've never produced a big musical, but I've been involved so much that obviously the (Spicer-Riess) has the confidence in me that I'll be able to do it."

Having done the Sound of Music twice in her career, at age 12 as well as age 19, Nelson played a pivotal role in bringing it to the area when she suggested it to Spicer-Riess and the RVP.

Spicer-Riess says the acting group had been looking for ideas as to what they could do for their first musical and the idea fit perfectly.

"We wanted something that was easily recognizable by the public, that wasn't something obscure and people wouldn't know or never have heard of it," she shares. "We wanted something where we could use a variety of cast

and have a variety in the audiences. We also wanted songs that were recognizable and that you kind of feel something towards. So that was kind of our basic criteria really."

Echoing the idea as to why Sound of Music works, Nelson says the combination of characters as well as the iconic story will help to make it a success.

"I think any musical that involves children always attracts a wider audience," she explains. "The Sound of Music is such a popular movie that hopefully many people will have heard of it. You can sing along with the songs and a lot of people know the characters, so that's why we thought it would be a good one to choose. We were [playing/trotting] around with doing something more modern but then we don't know if people know the modern musicals."

Even with a highly popular piece, there are risks with doing musicals within smaller communities where the arts are not necessarily a priority, possibly making it more difficult to garner support.

"I think it's getting the support from the town, it's trying to educate people on what a musical is and what musical theatre is," shares Nelson. "I remember taking a group of children from Breton High School to see musical theatre at Citadel, where my son was performing, so we got a group together and while we're driving down there one of the children said to me 'Are we going to be able to touch him and see him, or is he just going to be on a screen.'"

Kids at this age don't know theatre very well, they know the movies and they know cinema, but they don't know what a live theatre is," she continues. "So I think it's just getting out there and educating the public about what musical theatre is, it's actually singing, dancing and acting all in one place, and it's so much fun."

Excited about what is to come, those involved with bringing the production to life are already hard at work as they put the behind the scenes portion of the show together. From sound, and lighting, to costumes and music, backstage players are a vital part of the show.

Another important aspect will be where the performance takes place and for those organizing the show this was a challenge to finalize, but working with the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre they were able to figure out how the show could work despite a few drawbacks.

"It's a great venue and the acoustics is really good," Spicer-Riess says of the theatre. "The new stage that they have in there is fabulous, but the only downside right now is that there is no green room, so there's no place for actors to wait when they're not on stage."

"That was a bit of a challenge for us, but we have been given permission to

park a trailer out the back so that's the only way we can [make it work]," she explains, highlighting this in one area where local support will be beneficial.

"So we are looking for a donation of some kind of offstage trailer with heat and lights, because we need somewhere for all of the cast to be able to go when they're not on stage, and sometimes it might be long periods of time, and of course somewhere for them to do their costume changes."

Those that will be filling these costumes, actors of all ages, will be selected later in the year with auditions for Maria and Captain Von Trapp being held at the end of May and the remainder of the cast being auditioned in June.

Until then, organizers will continue to work on behind

the scene projects and reach out to the community to help make this the first of what they hope will be many musicals coming to the Drayton Valley area.

"We're just trying to generate interest right now and give people as much of a heads up as possible so that they can look at their schedule and see if it's something that they can manage," shares Spicer-Riess.

For more information on the local production of the Sound of Music and how you can get involved or become a sponsor, contact Spicer-Riess at 780-514-9182.

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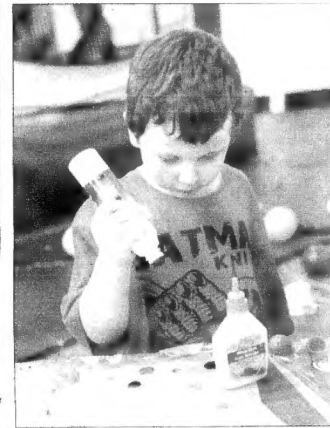
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Celebrating family with a day of fun for all



Family Day started a little early as lots of area residents headed down to the Mackenzie Centre where they got to spend a day full of activities with the Family Fun Day and Trade Show. From children's activities such as crafts, cookie decorating, and a bouncy castle, to a trade show with items for health and beauty it was a great way to spend the day.

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Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

In Drayton Valley close to 50 professional men and women are proud to call themselves Rotarians. We are part of District 5370 which includes parts of Alberta, British Columbia and Northwest Territories. In the past year Rotarians have raised funds for local and international projects and devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to make our community even better.

ARE YOU INVITED!

The Rotary Club of Drayton Valley is hosting an Open House at the Mackenzie Conference Centre, February 27th. Come learn and ask questions about Rotary projects and programs!

There will even be a thunder in the Valley Community Cheque Presentation, trade show displays and door prizes. Come see for yourself why the Rotary Club delivers "Service above self" in the community.

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Breton Museum marks 20th year of Black History Month celebration

Breton Museum celebrates Black History Month Feb. 22

Lesley Allan
Western Review

February is Black History Month and as it has for two decades the Breton Museum will be host an event to honour the heritage of the black pioneers that settled in the area.

"I think it's been part of our mandate, from the museum's perspective, to tell our community's history, so that's where we've always come from and it was definitely one of the major themes of the museum from the time that it was formed," explains Allan Goddard, president of the Breton & District Historical Museum. "This year will be 20 years that we've been doing a program of some sort for Black History Month."

"What basically started out as an open house and tea at the museum when there was still a number of

descendents of the black community that were still in the area, but as time has gone on we've lost a lot of them, there's still a few left so now it's more about just celebrating black history, the achievements and contributions of the black community more in general than specific to the community."

According to Goddard the interest in their Black History Month events is always changing, but something that has been consistent has been the visitors coming to view and learn about a cultural experience unique to most small town museums.

"We're a small museum and we're seasonal, but a good portion of people who come from outside the community [are] coming to learn about our black history," he says. "They've heard about the history, so it's kind of been that theme that has made us a little bit unique from just being a pioneer museum. We deal with that pioneer aspect and the settlement history, but it's that little uniqueness that helped us out and creates that interest."

Goddard also says that the annual February event itself has

been seeing an increase in certain attendees of their celebration.

"What we're starting to see is [the] younger generations of the black community, like the descendents, are now starting to [gain] an interest in the heritage," he shares. "It's like that with any generation, when you're young it doesn't come to the forefront [but it does] as you kind of move along in your life."

"So we're starting to see some of the younger generations of those families and some that weren't necessarily part of Breton but some of the other communities, come back because of the event," he finishes.

For this year's Black History Month celebration, organizers have an interesting and entertaining afternoon planned featuring a selection of artists who have visited the community of Breton.

Edmonton based playwright Patricia Barabie will entertain attendees with short fictional stories inspired by history, something Goddard says he is waiting in suspense to see.

"All I know is it's called Eli's Gift and I'm looking forward to it just like everybody else," he laughs. "I know a little bit about the premise of it but I don't know the whole story of it."

"So there's no spoiler alert," adds Goddard.

The other performers, who will have those at the event dancing/moving in their seats, will be gospel singers Stephanie Burle and Deborah Habbib from the Edmonton Shiloh Baptist Church Choir, who will perform a number of traditional gospel hymns.

"Always in the past any time that we've done a kind of musical type of event, has always been well received," explains Goddard as to why they invited the two choir singers. "Gospel music is very rooted within black heritage and the church."

Taking place on Feb. 22 at the Breton Faith Covenant Church, Goddard explains that the two organizations have been working together for four years and their relationship has not only provided the event with the ideal venue, but also helps the church in its efforts to help the community.

"We've been partnering with [them] for probably four years now because we've kind of outgrown the museum for the number of people we've been getting," explains Goddard. "It was okay when you had 20 or 30 people show up, but anything more than that it was starting to get a little crowded in there."

"It's a much better venue when [event's] got music, it's got very good acoustics, good seating, and it's worked very well for the church

as well I think," he continues. "We also do a food drive for the food bank and that's administered out of the Covenant Church. So it's a way of helping out their organization and a program they're doing and they help us out by providing the facility. So that way it's worked very well."

The day's events aren't only to be held within the walls of the Covenant Church, following the main performances the Breton Museum will open its doors to visitors interested in learning more about the area's black history, or looking to chat with interesting people and make new friends.

"We will have the displays set up in the museum and after the performances we will be open and people are free to view the exhibit," says Goddard. "There will be light refreshments served so everyone is well welcomed to come to the museum after."

Starting at 10 p.m. at the Breton Faith Covenant Church, located at 4712 53rd Ave. in Breton, admission for the show is \$5 a person or \$20 a family.

For more information call Goddard at (780) 698-2551 or e-mail becommuseum@yahoo.com.

"Mark it on your calendar, it's going to be an enjoyable afternoon at a very reasonable cost, it's family minded," says Goddard.



Photo Courtesy of Breton & District Historical Museum

Unlike many small pioneer museums in Alberta, the Breton Museum has always taken extra steps to educate others about the area's black history. In a photo provided by the museum, Jessie Ross is pictured with her two brothers circa 1915. This photo was taken at the Fred Farm at Telfordville, Alberta.



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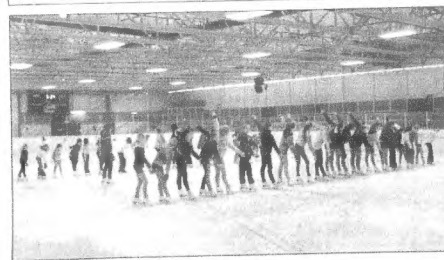
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Lesley Allan Western Review

Members of the Drayton Valley Figure Skating Club are hard at work practicing their routines for the upcoming A Night at the Movies. The year end show is the chance for skaters at all levels to show off the skills they've been honing this season to family, friends and the community. The show takes place Mar. 1 at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12 and seniors. Advance tickets for the always popular show are available at M&M Meat Shops and Rexall Drugs.



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Rough start to second round for Wildcats

➤ Game three this Friday is a must win for 'Cats

Western Review Staff

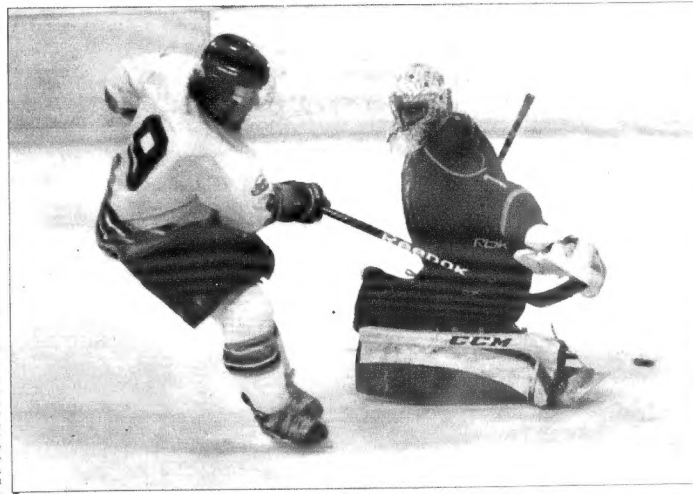
Down 4-0 less than three minutes into the first game of the second round of North Central Hockey League playoffs was not how the Drayton Valley Wildcats wanted to start the best of five series.

After the initial flurry of goals from the Whitecourt Wild the Wildcats settled in and got back three of their own. Unfortunately the Wild would score three more times to take a 7-3 win in the opening game.

Saturday night the Wildcats were away to face the Wild again. With a short bench things were once again not in their favour as Whitecourt won the game by a score of 5-1.

With the two losses last weekend the Wildcats are in a must win situation this Friday night if they want to stay alive in the playoffs. The winner of this best-of-five series will go on to play for the North Central Hockey League Championship. If the Wildcats are able to get back in the series Friday night they will be on the road Saturday night for game four.

Friday night's game will be played in Omni II with a puck drop of 8:30 p.m.



Courtney Whalen Western Review

Drayton Valley Wildcats Captain Jordan Cameron slides the puck past the Whitecourt Wild netminder and into the net on Feb. 14 during the opening game of the second round of North Central Hockey League playoffs. The night did not end in favour of the Wildcats who took a 7-3 loss.

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Tough week for Thunder



Lesley Allan Western Review

Things just weren't going right on the ice last week for the Drayton Valley Thunder as both games resulted in losses. On Feb. 12 the Thunder travelled to Spruce Grove where they went up against the Saints and disappointingly skated away with a 3-2 loss. Things went much the same way on Feb. 13 when they Saints came to town and pulled out a 4-1 victory against the Thunder.



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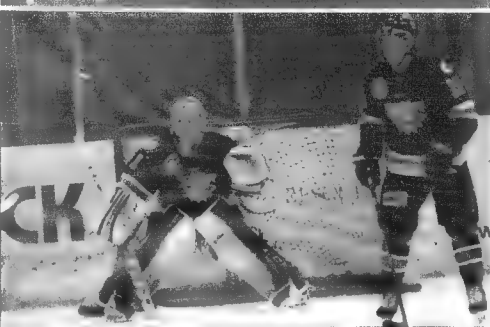
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Courtney Whalen Western Review

During an away game in Brooks on Nov. 23, Thunder goalie Marc Oliver Daigle was hit causing him to have to leave the game with a serious concussion. The injury meant that the Thunder's number one goalie would be out for six weeks, unable to be physically active.

Feeling good between the pipes

► Serious concussion kept Daigle off ice for six weeks

Lesley Allan
 Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder's starting goalie has been back for just more than a month and says he feels great following a serious incident that saw the player off the ice and in bed for more than a month. "Everything is good. I've taken my normal life back and it's just like nothing happened," says Marc Oliver Daigle. "Everything is normal and I've started back and working out and enjoy life like it was before."

Although everything is good now when the injury happened Daigle couldn't remember what caused his serious concussion during the Nov. 23 game in Brooks, but he knew something was wrong having felt similar pain in the past. "I kind of knew right away because I had a lot of headaches and it was my second concussion, but it was kind of a terrible feeling because the team was doing great then it felt like I couldn't help the team any more because I couldn't play. So I wanted to do everything I could

to get back as soon as possible." For the 19-year-old, originally from Delson, Q.C. it wasn't until the New Year that he would have his first returning game following a lengthy recovery time that saw him return home not being able to even touch the ice or exercise while his back repaired itself.

It was hard, I was at home 24 hours a day in my room in the dark," he shares. "I couldn't watch TV, I couldn't do anything, so it was hard, especially because I liked to come in the rink and be with the boys."

While Daigle was off the ice for recovery it had coaching staff and players shuffling around to fill the empty net, but for them this was just what had to be done in order to give their goalie a chance to rest and get back his strength. Netminder Mitch Martell took up the position between the pipes in the interim.

"It was important for us to handle [his absence], if not about hockey at that point, it's about a person's future and being able to function in life, so it was pretty serious. We were all concerned so we took our time with him and wanted to handle it," says Head Coach and General Manager Mike Muelles.

With Daigle leaving the game following his injury, the Thunder organization had to confirm that he was injured but chose to keep the extent of the situation and his progress within the organiza-

tion itself.

According to Daigle he was happy they did this as it kept things private, giving him the environment to recover in, eventually leading to his return six weeks later.

A saw a physiotherapist, neurologist, and doctors in Montreal for my head and they cleared my vision so maybe one week before I came back here so I had the chance to go in the gym a little bit while home and work out to get the cardio and game shape back," he explains.

"When I came back here to be honest the first few practices were pretty hard because I was not used to skating as I hadn't skated in more than a month, but it didn't take too long and I was good to go so I was pretty happy about that."

With a clean bill of health and the all clear to join his teammates back on the ice, Daigle is happy that he is able to play without any lasting effects and says his life has returned to normal despite what had happened.

"For now I have to play with a mouth guard because it was a serious [concussion] and if something was to happen, like if I got hit, I would get a concussion again, but the mouth guard will help protect me," he explains. "Besides that it's just be careful with my head because it's a pretty serious thing and you don't want to have anything wrong with that."

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VELOCITY BRING HOME GOLD



From Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 the Drayton Valley U19 Velocity Ringette team attended the Edmonton Silver Ring Tournament where they went undefeated, bringing home the gold medal. This is the team's second gold medal of the season adding to a first place finish during a home tournament at end of November. The team hopes to add more gold to their medal count as they look forward to playoffs beginning shortly and provincials at the end of March.

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Early start time, short bench hinder Youngmen in loss

Youngmen left short players following early game start

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Going into last week's match against Bosnia the Drayton Valley Youngmen knew they were facing a tough challenge in Edmonton District Soccer Association indoor arena.

With some more positive results in the past few weeks the Youngmen knew they couldn't bank on that, as Bosnia has consistently been a worthy opponent. The match also brought some other challenges for the Youngmen as an early start meant several of their players were late or unable to make the game.

Knowing Bosnia as an

offensive team the Youngmen adjusted accordingly to allow their keeper to focus solely on the shots coming his way.

Team spokesman Brad Kelly said the Youngmen went in with two points to focus on — being choosy about what battles they took on and keeping the ball once they had possession.

"I was working perfectly," he said. "Our pace would be slow, then suddenly we would burst through Bosnia's defence and we would take it easy again and then chase the ball while they hardly worked at all."

The team generated several scoring chances early in the game, but was unable to break any past the Bosnia keeper. When the opposition was able to get into the Youngmen zone they took advantage of the opportunity and scored. They had two by the half, but the Youngmen's James

Neufeld got one for DV to keep it close.

The second half started well," he said. "We were again controlling the game, but our players actually got too confident."

Bosnia was able to take advantage of the overconfidence and scored again. Neufeld scored again to keep the Youngmen within one, a score that stood for much of the second half.

"The guys eventually showed fatigue," said Kelly. "In the last minutes Bosnia sealed the game."

Despite a 5-2 final loss Kelly said the team wasn't wholly dissatisfied with its efforts given the short bench and strong opposition.

Last weekend the team had its final practice of the season and an injury prevention clinic, as players will now be turning their focus to training for the upcoming Heritage cup tournament.



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Mar. 7 is a Professional Development Day for staff. Students and staff will be participating in the annual school day trip to Mammoth Basin. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

All Grade 9 students at Holy Trinity Academy will be attending a one day retreat at Camp Be Ho Ho on Mar. 11. All Grade 10 and Grade 11 students will be attending their retreat on Mar. 18. The retreats will be led by the NIT team who have been working in our parish since September, 2013.

Early intervention interviews will be held on Mar. 13 from 5-7:30 p.m. Europe Trip 2015 is still accepting new registrations. Anyone interested in joining in on this exciting trip should contact Ms. Duperon at 780-821-5736.

BRITON HIGH SCHOOL
Students under 18 who are signing out of the school (other than at lunch) must have parental permission to do so.

Adults wishing to volunteer at BHHS are reminded to get a Police Record Check and Intervention Record Check and leave them on file at the school. Come to the office if you need the necessary forms.

Cougar Wear is available to order once again. Orders are due by Feb. 21 and order forms are in the February newsletter. Report Cards were issued on Feb. 3 and parent/teacher interviews will be held Mar. 18 from 4-7 p.m.

Lots of sporting events are happening, so check our here book page for dates and times!

AUCTION

On Feb. 11 Vold Jones & Vold Auctioneers hosted their annual Town Hall meeting at Eldorado School with the school board, parent advisory council, school administrators and teacher reps to learn about and discuss the new initiatives of the Ministry of Education, particularly the reworking of curriculum to reflect a new vision of education to meet the needs of a rapidly changing Alberta and global society.

On Feb. 20 Aurora will host the Alberta Opera performing a rendition of Aladdin at 10 a.m. in the gym. All parents and family members are welcome to attend.

There is a month end award for all classes by 5 p.m.

gym on Feb. 27 at 2:10 p.m. Parents are also welcome to attend.

The Grade 5 classes skated at the Olympics on Valentine's Day thanks to a generous family donation.

Please remember to sign your child's agenda every day as a way of letting the teacher know that the daily messages have been received and read. Agendas are a critical element of home school communication. Thank you!

We hope everyone had a restful long weekend and were able to find time for some family activities. We are now in the final stretch to March break. There will be lots of testing and finishing up of study units before report cards. So students need to focus on their studies, ask for help when in need and strive for excellence.

PMHS

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had a family full long weekend. Local houses will be for sale this week until Feb. 20. Adventist acting, headed by Mr. Wheeler will be presenting their production of 12 Angry Men on February 20, 21 and 22.

Frank Maddick is starting a new choral ensemble. Students with vocal experience are asked to speak with Mr. Padgett or Ms. Carvagh for information.

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Swimming lessons are on the go for 26 on Feb. 11, 13, 18, 20 and 25.

Grade 3/4K are swimming on Feb. 11, 13, 18, 20 and 21.

We will have our second pancake breakfast sponsored by Vermilion Energy on Feb. 19, starting at 8 a.m. Food will be served to our students and any parents who are able to join us.

We are having our School Book Fair from Feb. 21 through to Feb. 28. Please watch for flyers being sent home with your child.

ELDRADO

On Feb. 12 Vold Jones & Vold schools board members and division office guests took time from their day to drop in for a visit to the very nice "Edinburg" club members did the honours and led the way. The new Learning Commons started the tour with a full access view of all of our classrooms.

In accordance with February's spirit of citizenship, Mrs. Lindsay's under-students have committed to do at least one volunteer act in a community activity that benefits others in our school. They have written letters of appreciation to different staff

members, born lunch super vision during recesses read with different classes and helped to prepare materials for teachers. What a great idea. Thank you Mrs. Lindsay and students for taking the time to do all of these special things.

Do we have enough students to fill the pool? If they have filled the required two pages of her log book, it's time to go to the pool. We're looking for kids.

Kinderergarten is hosting a Home Expo lunch on Mar. 8 in the gym from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The expo will include a bake sale, hot dogs, smoothies and juice. It will have a home business etc. and would like to rent a table please. All fees are at 780-542-5511 on Wednesdays at 780-542-5511.

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Evergreen School students were put through their paces last week when they learned about kickboxing, including some of the warm up routines and stretching exercises.

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School Notes

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May 11 - We will be holding a Mother's Day luncheon at the school. The school's annual "Sharks" event is a fundraising event for the school's annual "Sharks" event. The school's annual "Sharks" event is a fundraising event for the school's annual "Sharks" event.

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Group is the primary fund raising group for Tomahawk School. The purpose of this group is to improve the culture and environment of the school for the students, staff and families. We finalized decisions for PE equipment at last week's meeting. This included the approval of the purchase of equipment as previously indicated in an earlier newsletter.

Thank you for sending your child with snowpants, mittens, warm socks and a hat. Please keep your child's children if they are unwell. Please make sure your child's children have weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them every day.

Please pull into a parking spot where there is NO yellow paint when dropping off or picking up children in the back of your parking lot at the school. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents please make sure you call the office or e-mail karen.lerner@stanthony.ab.ca if you have any questions.

Many students have been plagued by colds and flu over the past week of school. Sick students have been kept at home. Please make sure you keep your child home when he or she is sick. At Tomahawk School, we can't have sick students in the school.

Important dates to remember in February: 18 - Skating Grade 1M 19 - Skating Grade 1M 20 - Skating Grade 1M 21 - Skating Grade 1M 22 - Skating Grade 1M 23 - Skating Grade 1M 24 - Skating Grade 1M 25 - Skating Grade 1M 26 - Skating Grade 1M 27 - Skating Grade 1M 28 - Skating Grade 1M 29 - Skating Grade 1M 30 - Skating Grade 1M

Today is a good day to learn more, so let's talk. John Mulligan is a professional fundraiser and a member of the Canadian Fundraising Society. He has over 20 years of experience in fundraising and is currently the Executive Director of the Canadian Fundraising Society.

played with animals and made buildings with him. The Grade 1 class worked on adding and subtracting. They painted and learned about red and peach. The class also played an awesome game of freeze tag. The Grade 1 class went to the Shangri-La Lodge to hand out Valentine's cards to everyone. So last week was very exciting for the Grade 1 class.

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"You're really talking about a city the size of Edmonton as what it can power," said Alex McMichael, lead developer. "From a cost perspective, it's quite a bit lower than other technologies; it's about a \$1.5 billion plant and \$850,000 of that will go into the Alberta economy, the rest being equipment and the like."

pond, requiring no new intake structure from the North Saskatchewan River. Resident Files Lawsuit Against Town For Bridge. Long-time Banff resident Irl Christou is suing the town for \$2 million, claiming a controversial pedestrian bridge has devalued her home and stunk up the neighbourhood.

Christou says the foot bridge, which also carries sewage lines across the Bow River, has impacted her daily use of her Banff, Alberta, residence. "As a result of the bridge's construction, use, operation and location, the premises have suffered a substantial decrease in property value," Christou's claim states.

The plaintiff's enjoyment and daily use of the premises has been unreasonably and substantially affected. "Along with her home being devalued, Christou can't enjoy being in her yard because of the noise caused by users and 'the smell emanating from the bridge'."

Other concerns include a loss of privacy and an "increase in transient population living near, or under the bridge," her lawsuit says. Area residents, including Christou and her late husband, Van, opposed the structure when it was approved by Banff town council in January, 2012, but complained they only learned about it at the last minute.

The bridge opened last July. "Everybody should have had a chance to put their input in (and) they just totally didn't do it," Christou told QMI Agency two years ago. Christou did submit a letter of protest on the day council approved the project.

"Why are they trying to shove it down our throats, to hide QMI in February, 2012. 'Don't you think people should have a chance to give their input and be listened to? That is all we ask.' A statement of defence disputing Christou's claim hasn't been filed. See PIP on pg. 26

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MAKING NEW
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Starting last year, when a number of seniors are on the right track to reminding what they left behind in their home country of Mexico.

Barbara Urus moved to Edmonton in December of 2012, looking to give a better life to her son, Sergio. Last year, she took up residence in North Edmonton and, in the weekend, he went to spread seeds in the community, both volunteering with the neighbour hood. They wanted plans in the summer and, now, the Urus are one of the families taking care of the community league's risk during the winter.

We're making a family here, and I think communities try to do that. We come from outside and we need to connect, and I think it's really important to be part of it," said Urus.

Things don't happen just magically. It happens that Urus and her son have been successful in this. Despite being new to the area, the family has become something of a fixture in the neighbourhood, having made many friends and connections.

Star's gotten so involved. Every body in the whole community knows who she is," said Ryan Young, who takes charge of sports and activities at the community league with his wife Michelle.

While, as a new family in the area, it might be expected for the Urus household to have a fairly small Christmas, this year, they were invited to take part in Christmas festivities with eight other families in the area.

With the general meeting for North Glenora's community league coming up next month, the neighbourhood has been urging Urus to run for an executive position, Young said.

"They welcome us really nicely,"

He said.

For at least the past five years, the rink at North Glenora has stood unused, with boards falling apart from neglect. However, the City of Edmonton gave the community league a grant to renovate the grounds around the hall.

Though the community pool came up with options like a park for dog walking, the idea of a multipurpose space won out and the league began constructing a multipurpose space, roughly the size of a half soccer field, to be used as skating rink during the winter and for youth soccer in the summer.

Though the area is not yet finished, 50 neighbours are looking to skate on it, one of whom is Sergio, and 20 of whom are adults.

Urus and her son have no experience maintaining a rink, and they're still

learning, and it's the first year.

The ideal temperature for adding layers to the rink is between 7 and 14°C, which they learned after having the outside frozen in a scan in 2012 weather.

However, they enjoy the task.

They know skate out onto the rink, what happens then an advantage when it comes to making sure it's safe. "Well, if it snows, depending on how much it snows, we use the sweeper or the snow blower. Then, it's too hot, it melts, right? So we put some new water on it. We do that for four or five layers of new ice, so then it's stable," said Sergio, adding that their job can sometimes take two hours, and not in necessarily nice weather either.

"We took it like a nice challenge. The worst is walking, but we take it like a challenge and have been enjoying it," said Urus.

It seems that Urus picked the right place to live and spread roots, with North Glenora being a quiet, safe, multicultural community.

"Everybody knows each other, so you can send your kids to the park knowing that other families are going with your kids. It feels like you're in a small town," said Young.

"We enjoy it. It's a wonderful community," Urus said.

"I do believe a lot is integrating into the community. That's what Edmonton is, and we need to preserve that. I hope other newcomers do it too. We like it."

OLD MACDONALD CANT HAVE A FARM IN WETASKIWIN
Wetaskiwin Times

People about raising their children before the eggs hatch here in the city of Wetaskiwin.

City council unanimously agreed at its Feb. 10 meeting to follow administration's advice and not allow urban agriculture — mainly rabbits, chickens, bees, and pigeons — within city limits.

"We did talk to several parties in different municipalities about what their challenges were," said Wetaskiwin's protective services director Merlin Klassen.

In the report, presenters "say bylaws allow many aspects of urban farming/agriculture including the growing of vegetables and other plants within residential properties, whether in the front yard or back."

The city also provides community garden areas available to interested citizens.

That's where, however, the line is drawn when it comes to urban farming in the City of Wetaskiwin.

"Small animals — the bees, the chickens, and that, at this point the advantages and disadvantages don't line up, and we do not support that," Klassen told council.

There would be significant chal-

lenges in front of us to ensure that our bylaws would align to allow us."

Concerns contained within the report were:

- Public health
- Spread of disease from improper handling of manure
- Potential for butchering and processing of animals
- Fish and wildlife
- Increase scavenger rodents and animals
- Possibility that this responsibility may default to bylaw
- Annual protection act
- Annual cruelty
- Heat and cold stress on animals
- Break value of homes
- Perception of lower home resale values

Coun. Jean Boyd said although the issue was debated by council, "I think it's good for the group... that came forward just to bring attention to the matter."

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The Arrow was not designed by computers but by something that most people nowadays wouldn't be familiar with — slide rules.

All the design calculations were done on slide rules. It was the tool that was used to design the aircraft.

Priestley-Wright said his doubted most computer programmers would be able to run a slide rule.

He believes the scrapping of the Arrow was politically motivated.

"Oh definitely. It was very political. The whole project was cancelled due to politics."

American pride and the Cold War had a lot to do with the cancellation of the Arrow program, he believes.

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Dear Working Wife:
 One of my long-time employees retired recently and left some big shoes to fill. It wasn't as if he had aches, because he knew everything that he did. Do you have any tips on succession planning so I can avoid the headaches next time?

Answer:
Surprised Supervisor

Dear Surprised:

Succession planning isn't just for large companies. It's a process of identifying and developing potential future leaders within your organization. It's a process of ensuring that your organization has the right people in the right positions at the right time.

Succession planning is especially important to small- and medium-sized businesses because the entire organization will be affected by the loss of a key employee.

The number of business owners who are planning to retire has increased between 2011 and 2013, from 17% to 21%.

Approximately 10 per cent of our workforce is expected to retire over the next decade.

Doing nothing is a sure way to ensure your business will be in trouble when you're gone.

This article goes into far more detail than I can but here are some of the high points.

Succession planning identifies and develops employees to fill the positions that are key to the organization's success. It also helps retain valuable workers and lowers the costs of recruiting new talent.

Five steps of succession planning:

1. Profile your workforce (ages, roles, skills)
2. Identify key positions and

3. Build job profiles for the key positions, including required knowledge, skills and experience
4. Identify and develop potential successors
5. Create plans to develop the skills of potential successors and transfer knowledge

One who has identified your organization's key skills and knowledge, you need to find someone who can fill those shoes. Retaining knowledge and passing it along to others is an essential part of succession planning.

Sharing skills and knowledge also helps you keep the doors open when key staff members are on vacation. And, it doesn't cost a lot of money to do so.

Other knowledge retention strategies include:

- Cross-training: Learning a part of your workplace culture
- Job rotation: Giving employees a chance to learn your knowledge and skills

During their knowledge transfer, you can set up regular staff discussions between senior and junior staff.

Encourage senior employees to mentor younger staff.

Most main staff or rotate jobs.

Hold post-project reviews. Share lessons, what worked and what didn't.

Establish a succession plan. Guidelines, procedures, project status reports.

For more information on succession planning, read *Succession Planning: Retaining Skills and Knowledge in Your Workforce*. The guide is available on the Alberta website at <http://ale.ab.ca/ale/pd/cshp/successionplanning.pdf> or by visiting your nearest Alberta Works Centre.

Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wife at charles.strachey@gov.ab.ca. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



Your Input is Important

Study of high-speed rail in Alberta

COMMITTEES
 at the following locations:

The all-party Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future is undertaking a study on the feasibility of establishing a high-speed rail transit system for Alberta. Should a project proceed, it would be completed in phases, with the first section operating between Edmonton and Calgary.

Your opinion is important to the Committee. If you would like to present at a public input meeting, register with the Committee Clerk by February 20, 2014. A schedule of presentations will be posted online by February 21. Unable to attend? Share your thoughts in a written submission to the Committee Clerk by March 31, 2014.

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While we appreciate your comments, the decision of the committee will be made by the government. The committee's opinion of high-speed rail is not a binding decision.

When long time employees leave companies it can often leave gaps within the day-to-day operation. To prevent this it's important that employers take extra steps to ensure a smooth transition such as exit interviews, building job profiles, or cross train staff.

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Recent conference touched on a number of ways to improve in all aspects of crop production

At the recent Agronomy Update conference held in Red Deer, there were more than 30 presentations on a wide variety of topics related to crop production. The presentations provided information on crop pests, weed control, soil fertility, new crop options, grain storage and market-

Alberta Agriculture
and Rural Development

With the prospects of better calf prices this year, the cow-calf industry is facing the possibility of future profits. Efficiency, refining production output and costs, within the cow herd becomes more important as owners seek to expand profit margins.

The following are points that are important in increasing the overall efficiency of a cow herd:

Overall efficiency of a cow herd is dependent on the match of the cow's biological type with the environment that they are placed into. Cows need to fit the environment, which to the greatest extent is based on what the producer believes is necessary as good care. Climate and feed resources are also factors that can affect the type of cow herd; however, these factors don't play as big a part as a caregiver does.

Within any group of similar cows, there is variation in their ability to convert plant energy into animal energy. Some cows are genetically more able to accomplish their job on less feed. Conversely, some cows genetically need more feed in order to do their job of raising calves each year. Research is currently underway to further develop the concept known as Residual Feed Intake (RFI) or net feed

Mark Curtis, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, provides a review of some of the discussion areas that producers may want to consider for their farm operations.

Crop rotation. The most common crop rotation in Alberta alternates between canola and a cereal crop. The market value for canola has made it very attractive to frequently grow this crop in rotation.

As several of the presentations indicated, following a two-year rotation is not without some risk. Increased concern about pests (eg. disease, insects, weeds) is a reality with a canola-cereal rotation. For example, blackleg in canola was

highlighted as occurrence of this disease has increased in recent years and is related to the frequency of canola in the rotation.

Herbicide resistance: Wild oat is the most common herbicide resistant weed in Western Canada. To ensure current wild oat herbicide products continue to be effective, information was provided on integrated weed management.

Management practices such as higher seeding rates, early removal of silage crops and using a crop rotation that includes summer annuals (wheat, canola, peas), winter annuals (winter wheat, winter triticale, fall rye) and perennial crops (alfalfa) were discussed. Results of a four-year study indicated that these practices

can be very effective for managing wild oat populations and, if followed, will help delay wild oat resistance to tillage and herbicide.

cide use: One of the biggest growth areas in pesticide use is foliar fungicides. The interest in foliar fungicides may be related to agronomic factors (tighter crop rotations); economic factors (higher commodity prices); and, increased marketing of foliar fungicides by pesticide companies. Presentations on foliar fungicide use stressed the importance of diagnosing the disease

Disease diagnostics: The development of digital technology has

ease diagnosis and can aid in making proper management decisions on the farm. However, to be effective, the use of this approach requires quality photographs and relevant background information on the field in question (eg. crop rotation, herbicide history, soil characteristics, weather conditions).

Field scouting. Many of the presentations highlighted the importance of being in the field to evaluate growing crops. Field scouting can occur throughout the growing season. Evaluating crops at the time of emergence and determining the presence of weeds, diseases and insects as the growing season progresses is impor-

For more information on these topic areas or other topic areas discussed at Agronomy Update 2014, visit Alberta Agriculture's website. Presentations from Agronomy Update 2014, are posted to Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development's website.

Because of the complexity in measuring RFI, this concept first became available to the cattle industry through bull test stations. Similar to any other traits, bulls are being identified for their RFI, and buyers can use this trait as another factor when bidding. Because RFI is reasonably heritable, this feature can be passed onto the daughters.

Cow milking ability is a major factor that establishes the nutrient requirements at any given time of year. Cows that milk less have lower feed requirements.

The change in nutrient requirement does not change as quickly as cow size. A 2,000-lb cow does not eat twice as much as a 1,000-lb cow. Rather, feed requirements change with an animal's metabolic weight rather than the live weight. The metabolic weight is achieved by multiplying the live weight by the

The size of the cow isn't as important as is her long term compatibility to her environment.

Although large cows in a herd can be as productive relative to their body size as small cows, it is not as likely that's because it's easier to be a lazy large cow than to be a lazy small cow. The manager is quicker to notice that the little cow of the herd is lazy

The larger cow can be as lazy as the small cow, but her calf will still fit in with the other calves.

Although poor keeping cows cull themselves through infertility, the poor performing cows don't have a biological method for culling themselves except through the scrutiny of the cow owner.

The tool for culling is much more subjective and sometimes less observant. The only certain way to correct this is to individually weigh the calves. In the fall and to correlate this with the actual weight of the cow

The degree of tolerance to poor efficiency is largely based on economics. The relationship between feed prices and calf prices will determine how inefficient cows can get yet still be profitable.

"In deciding the optimal cow for your situation, look to those cows that are pregnant in deciding the type of milkers you want to place on

replacements to place back into the herd," says Ken Ziegler, beef/forage specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. "Be sure to also look at the open cows to decide what heifers to send to the feedlot. Once producers have made decisions about their cows, then they must look to the bulls, which reinforce the characteristics that producers are trying to raise in their heifers."

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tenance free," which simply means that they are sealed and do not require service of any kind. This doesn't mean, however, that they should be ignored.

To keep your battery at its best performance while optimizing the lifespan, follow the manufacturer's recommended applications and these simple additional steps:

Always keep the top of the battery clean.

— A quick wash down with plain water neutralizes acid and removes oxidation. Grip your

connections and make sure they are tight with no movement between the wire and terminal. Check that the battery is still properly mounted and positioned in the tray.

A substantial jolt from hitting a pot hole may dislodge a battery if not safely secured. Never attempt to boost a vehicle without first checking why the battery discharged in the first place.

If the battery is weak due to an accessory being left "ON," a boost from another vehicle can temporarily restore power.

Boosting from one vehicle to another is not recommended on late model vehicles.

Only qualified persons can avoid a costly "cross boost" that could potentially destroy some automotive computers.

Finally, if the top of the battery routinely becomes wet or smells like rotten eggs, it is an indication that the electrolyte is leaking out or is boiling due to over-charging. In these cases, have the charging system and battery tested by a qualified technician for a more thorough diagnosis.

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Show some patriot love for Canada's contributions

*Ken Potlucos
OMI Agency

Canadians dominate the auto industry, but as a typical of our nation, we're quiet and humble about it, which is why this week I'd like to do some bragging, patriotically, of course.

Next time you see a Nissan drive past, take a look at the front end. Any new Nissan will do because they all sport the same signature grille. That brand identity was created by B.C. native Randy Rodriguez. He resides in Surrey and is a graduate of UBC.

If you're fond of BMW's sleek lines and styling, then you're a fan of Montreal native Karim Habib's work. He competed on our national fencing team while attending McGill University, then went on to become the head of BMW's design

touch is especially found in the K Series, 7 Series, and 4i roadster.

Then there's Sergio Marchionne, who's running the show at Fiat and Chrysler, acting as the CEO of the former, and chairman and CEO of the latter. Raised in Toronto, Sergio is credited with bringing both badges back from bankruptcy. Many attribute this to his management style, one that is so Canadian: he's direct, approachable and upon arrival at the company, he moved the chairman offices from the penthouse down to the fourth floor with the engineers.

Our factories are crushing it too. Three Ontario plants, General Motors (Oshawa), Honda's Alliston and Toyota's Cambridge facilities regularly receive top quality honours from ID Power.

So we Canadians are good at designing and building, but we're also good at giving, with Ford at the top of that list. For several consecutive years, the company has been the recipient of the "Thanks a Million" award, an honour presented to a company whose employees have banded together to raise over \$1 million in support of the United Way.

Then there are the Canadian auto journalists, and I think this is indicative of our culture. When a manufacturer launches a new car, they pick one location in the world and then invite media from around the world, country by country.

Canadians are consistently booked into one of two waves — either first or last. First, because we're the most compassionate if stuff goes wrong during the initial run through, and last, because we're the most fun to end an event with.

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Introducing the new Building Canada Fund

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Yellowhead Report
Rob Merrifield
MP Yellowhead

In short, it provides the backbone of Yellowhead and communities across Canada, supporting economic growth and quality of life. That's why infrastructure investments are a key part of our government's plan to jobs, growth and long-term prosperity. The new Building Canada Fund will provide \$5B over the next 10 years to improve our public infrastructure. Included in the plan is \$1B dedicated solely for communities with a population under 100,000. This means that communities in Yellowhead will have the opportunity to build some of our own important projects. This is predictable, reliable funding for communities all across the country. It will help build roads, bridges, subways, commuter rail and other public infrastructure that enables the prosperity of all Canadians.

With this new plan we are continuing to build on a solid record of investing in public infrastructure. Investment in infrastructure by the federal government has never been higher, and has increased dramatically since 2006. In fact, since 2006, our government has almost doubled the average annual federal funding for provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure. We are seeing the results of these investments today.

Our government's 2007

Building Canada Plan has supported more than 12,000 provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure projects across Canada.

Over the next 10 years, the \$5.4B New Building Canada Plan will continue to focus on economic growth, job creation and productivity. Every region of the country will benefit from this historic plan. For instance, in Alberta, this means more than \$2B and includes approximately \$1B in dedicated funding for projects of national and regional significance and more than \$1B dedicated exclusively to Alberta's municipalities through the federal Gas Tax Fund.

This is the longest and largest infrastructure plan in Canadian history. This funding is predictable and stable and provides provinces, territories and municipalities with the flexibility they need to plan their infrastructure projects over the long term.

Your government's commitment to enhancing Canada's infrastructure remains firm and I encourage Yellowhead's municipalities to take advantage of this New Building Canada Plan.

Please feel free to contact my office for more information or go online to www.merrifieldmp.com.

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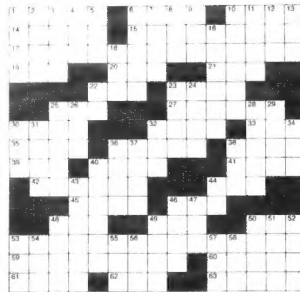
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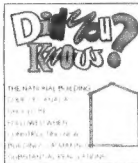


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- 1 In 1 language specialist's song
- 2 Filament container
- 3 Amounts of time
- 4 Double curves
- 5 Clumsiness
- 6 Incapable compromise
- 7 McKory River people
- 8 Chinese breadwinner
- 9 Reverse signal
- 10 Cablegram (abbr.)
- 11 Middle-aged French cheese
- 12 Don't know when yet
- 13 Rivalry
- 14 Automobile on road
- 15 Scientific workplace
- 16 Xanthophyll - color
- 17 Exchange

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Labor
- 2 North-central Indian city
- 3 About aviation
- 4 The sheltered side
- 5 Salem State College
- 6 Two-fold
- 7 Unusually (not a)
- 8 Floral garland
- 9 Baroque table
- 10 Teeth covering
- 11 Confederate soldiers
- 12 Signage
- 13 Point midway between S and SE
- 14 Criminal where each pill hole begins
- 15 A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
- 16 Atomic #71
- 17 Run wire rail
- 18 Ancient Germanic alphabet characters
- 19 Jupiter's 4th satellite
- 20 Woman's undergarment
- 21 African antelope
- 22 Semitic fertility god
- 23 Chi
- 24 Sylvia Fine's spouse
- 25 Dancers
- 26 Berne plant
- 27 Small amount
- 28 Soda
- 29 Semi-Soviet black fabric
- 30 U.C. Berkeley
- 31 Express pleasure
- 32 Faded city
- 33 History channel's #5 show
- 34 Overrun
- 35 Ridge on Doric column
- 36 Plastics
- 37 The "R" Girl
- 38 Hindu deity of the Indian
- 39 Afrikaans
- 40 Vietnamese offensive
- 41 Impression of sorrow or pity
- 42 Seat used for live
- 43 Journalist Nellie
- 44 Congress
- 45 Whiskies
- 46 Feudally scarf
- 47 White clay for porcelain
- 48 Keeps in reserve
- 49 Infectious lung disease
- 50 Drowsy off
- 51 Chinese chess piece
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- 54 Iron from Serbia
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- 62 Malay island



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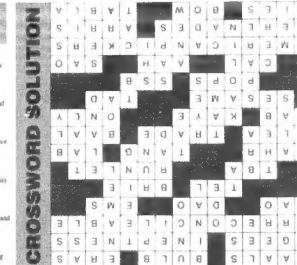
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Ready for a water emergency?

News Canada

A recent report by the Insurance Board of Canada announced that flooding and other emergency water events are now more common than fire across the country.

Would you be ready if your home was flooded by a major water emergency? Even if you live at the top of a hill, you can still be affected by flooding due to old infrastructure or weather events according to Jennifer Kolah, a senior underwriter with the property and casualty side of Pacifico Insurance.

- Heavy rain in a short period of time

- A snap thaw or a seasonal snow melt after a particularly snowy winter
- An increase in the water table after a prolonged wet period

Some of these events might inconvenience you for a couple of hours, while

others could keep you out of your home for several days so in case you're attracted by the plan, it's important to take the time in place because the first three days after an emergency are the most critical in determining the damage and the recovery time. Also, make instructions for a meeting location and contain a list of emergency supplies. Also, make a 72-hour emergency kit ready to go. Typically it will include three days' worth of food, water, clothing, first aid kit, cash, a flashlight, batteries, and a first aid kit.

Secondly, while you can't predict when you could be affected by a flood, you can prevent plumbing related water damage by following a few household maintenance:

- Make sure that everyone in your family knows how to find and shut off the water valves for the different parts of your home. In case of an emergency, they should know how to turn off the water main, water

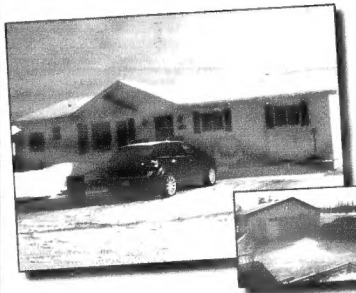
condition and that there is no cracking around your furnace. These are key areas where water can get in and cause damage. If you notice the fall, remove leaves and debris from your gutters and downspouts.

For more information about water emergency tips, visit www.insurancecanada.com or call 1-800-387-7272. Insurance at your disposal. www.insurancecanada.com.

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